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QUILTER'S GUILD OF GRAND PRAIRIE

FOUNDED JULY 5, 1993

Our Guild has been formed to preserve the heritage of quilting, to be a source of information and inspiration, to perpetuate high quality of excellence in quilting and to be a gathering place for people with a common interest.

DUES ARE DUE!

Dues for 2008 are due. If you have not re-joined for 2008, please do so at the February meeting. Sandy will also check your home address, telephone number, e-mail address, etc., to make sure your information is correct for the Membership Directory, which will be available for the March meeting. Dues are \$20 for regular members and \$15 for members age 65 and up.

Don't let this be your last newsletter!

GET WITH THE PROGRAM!

For February, I have lined up Dr. Donald Locke, creator of "The Last Supper" quilt to visit the guild. I am hoping for a huge turnout that night, so invite anyone that might be interested. This is an amazing quilt, and should be seen and shared by everyone. Dr. Locke is also going to give us a trunk show with his collection of antique quilts. For more information on the quilt, you can go to <http://www.thesupper.net/>.

SUSAN CANTRELL

BIRTHDAYS

DEBI CYPERT

FEBRUARY 3

CAROL FRANKLIN

FEBRUARY 7

Regular monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Grand Prairie, 310 S. W. 3rd St., Grand Prairie, TX. All visitors are welcome (ages 10 and up).

✂ NEXT MEETING: FEB. 4, 2008 ✂

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I came to the January meeting thankful that the Round Robin was completed, and that after months of anticipation the end products were to be unveiled. I was so pleased with the results and even caught myself thinking "that wasn't so bad after all." (I never said it out loud though.)

We are off to a good start this year with several new members, and with Carol's help in the publicity department, I am hoping we will get the word out about our group. I look forward to the February program and want to encourage everyone to invite quilting friends, people who are thinking about quilting or even people who sleep with a quilt to see this work of art. Hope to see each one of you there.

DEBI CYPERT

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DOOR PRIZES

If your last name begins with **J** or **L** please bring a door prize to the February meeting and give it to Elisabeth McMahon. This is a voluntary effort, but most of us like to receive a door prize and we hope everyone will participate. Please bring only quilting-related items such as: Quilting Notions, fat quarters, triangle paper, magnetic pin holders, scissors, Pigma pens, etc.

If you would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please contact michelle@paco.org

THE ROUND ROBIN REVEAL

SUSAN'S QUILT



MICHELLE'S QUILT



DEBI'S QUILT



See more pictures online at qgogp.wordpress.com

FENCE RAIL

All seams are sewn with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance. The selvedge should be cut off as well.

Cut a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " strip from four fabrics. These fabrics should range from a light to a dark, with two mediums in the center that have enough of a value change to be noticeable. You will need a $42\frac{1}{2}$ " strip to begin with.

Cut your light and your first medium. Place the first medium right sides together with the light, and sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance all the way down one side. Leave the sewn strip in the machine. Cut your second medium and your dark, and do the same. Lift your presser foot enough to pull the fabrics out of the way and give yourself about an inch of thread to start the next set of strips. Clip the two strips apart, leaving the long set of threads at the beginning on the first set. We will now go to the ironing board, and begin by "setting" the stitches. Iron the two strips along the seam line and allow to cool. Then, with the darker fabric to the top, lay the iron on the lighter fabric and iron both seam allowances toward the darker fabric. The long threads at one end are an indicator as to which way the strip was feed through the sewing

ROW 1 Row 1 cells go together, but 2 cells won't.	Light			Light	First Medium	Second Medium	Dark	
	First Medium							
	Second Medium							
	Dark							
ROW 2 Row 2 cells go together, but 2 cells won't.	Light	First Medium	Second Medium	Dark	Light	First Medium	Second Medium	Dark
ROW 3 Row 3 cells go together, but 2 cells won't.	Light	First Medium	Second Medium	Dark	Light	First Medium	Second Medium	Dark

machine. In order to have completely straight strip sets, we need to sew the next strip set in the opposite direction. Lay this strip set down, and iron the other strip set, leaving the thread tails attached at one end and making note of which end you began your stitching from. We will stitch the two mediums starting in the opposite direction.

We will iron these two mediums in

the same fashion as before. Always press toward the darker fabric.

Now we are going to cut the strip sets into $4\frac{1}{2}$ " strips. Use your square up ruler to make sure you have a $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square. We should end up with nine $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares.

Lay the strip sets out as illustrated. Sew one row at a time, then sew all three together. Square up.

PROFILE

This year to help everyone get a little bit better acquainted with the members of the guild, we'll spotlight a different member each month.

We'll start with the new officers.

DEBI CYPERT, PRESIDENT

I have been a sewer ever since I can remember and received my first sewing machine when I was about five years old. I made almost everything I wore in high school

when material was four yards for a dollar at the local Ben Franklin store.

I made my first quilt back in the 80s – a Grandmother's Flower Garden. I used scraps from a caftan I had made from a bed sheet and other scraps from various projects. It didn't matter what kind of fabric it was – it went into this quilt. I have always loved to create with fabric. I love just to touch it and

look at it. Some fabric I have had for years and just can't bring myself to cut it. I think that must be some kind of illness.

I was one of the original members of the Quilt Guild back in the day, and was the first elected President. Of course, I knew nothing of what a guild should do but hope I have learned along the way. I look forward to giving it another try!

MINUTES

■ The January meeting of the Quilter's Guild of Grand Prairie was called to order on Jan. 7, 2008, by President Debi Cypert. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. The treasurer's report was approved as printed in the newsletter and filed for audit.

■ Birthdays for January were Jane Coffey and Wanda Cargile. They received their birthday fat quarters.

■ Debi asked that we remember Sharon Milewski, who was recently laid off from her job.

■ **Memberships:** There were 19 members and one visitor present. The visitor was Carol Franklin's cousin Sandy Collins. Among the members were our three new members, Marty Staten, Debra Johnson and Judy Joy. Please introduce yourselves when you have the chance.

■ **Publicity:** Carol brought the *Grand Prairie Today* newspaper. She had the information about our meeting published.

■ **Block of the Month:** Grace brought the patterns for those who signed up to participate in the

Christmas Row Quilt. This project will be at your own pace, although those participating should try to do one row to bring to the quilt meeting every other month. Some rows will take longer than others. Plan to bring the first row of stars to the March meeting.

■ **Show and Tell:** Vickie, Wanda, Sandy and Carol all had items for show and tell.

■ **Round Robin:** Tonight was the reveal. Each quilt was shown to the group and it was the first time the owner had seen her quilt since last May. Everyone was very excited at how the quilts turned out.

■ Upcoming programs:

• **February:** Dr. Donald Locke and "The Supper" quilt. Invite everyone you know that might be interested in seeing this amazing quilt.

• **March:** Alisa Orr from Just Stitchin' in Cedar Hill will have a jelly roll demo.

■ **Workshops:** Shirley had a list of suggestions for workshops including: a Stack-N-Whack Mystery Quilt, UFO, Retreat, and Irish Chain. Let her know if there is something

specific you would like. She will be finalizing plans for the first workshop before the February meeting.

■ **Audit Committee:** Cathy, Michelle and Grace will be the committee to audit the 2007 Treasurer's books. We will meet the day of the February meeting at about 6:40 p.m. to look at the books.

■ Marty took the canned goods we collected at the December meeting to the Grand Prairie Food & Clothing Co-Op and we collected 105 pounds.

■ Susan presented our program. She talked about the color wheel and the importance of color in your quilts. She talked about value and gave us patterns to make our own color wheel. We dumped the scraps we brought and proceeded to make our own color wheels. She also gave a "beginner class" – five minutes on making a rail fence block. She handed out patterns for the rail fence (included in this newsletter).

The meeting was then adjourned.

MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ

ADVERTISING RATE SCHEDULE

SIZE

1/2 page (3.5" x 2")
1/4 page (3.5" x 4.5")
1/2 page (7.25" x 4.5")

PRICE

\$7.50 1-mo/\$22 3-mo
\$15.00 1-mo/\$40 3-mo
\$30.00 1-mo/\$75 3-mo

Ads may be camera ready for copy or they may be set for you. All ads received before the 10th of the month will be published in the current newsletter. Ads received after the 10th will be published in the next newsletter.

WORKSHOP NEWS

The first workshop of 2008 will be a *Stack-N-Whack* quilt on March 15 at First Presbyterian Church from 9am to 3p.m.

Maria Holmes, a friend of Grace Norris, has graciously agreed to lead the workshop and she assures me that it will be great for beginners as well as experienced quilters. You can buy the book *Magic Stack-N-Whack Quilts* by Bethany Reynolds or use the instruction handouts Maria will prepare for the workshop. If you have not seen this pattern, think of a kaleidoscope. You cut fabric into pieces so that when you put them back together again you have a kaleidoscope effect.

Maria will come show her quilt samples at the next meeting so you will be able to see what the pattern looks like made up and tell us what supplies will be needed. She says she has done an entire top in one day

SHERLEY LEWIS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee (Cathy Mullin, Grace Norris and Michelle Rodriguez) will meet on Feb. 4 before the Guild meeting to review the 2007 treasurer's books. It shouldn't take very long, so please be at the church around 8:40 p.m.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH:

Grace handed out the patterns for the Christmas row quilt. If you are participating, please try to have the first row (stars) done by the March 3 meeting to bring to show the group.

COMING EVENTS

11th Annual Best Little Quilt Show in Texas
Colorado Valley Quilt Guild
 Feb. 22-23, 2008
 Fayette County Fair Grounds
 Off Highway 77 North
 LaGrange, Texas
www.cvquiltguild.com

Timeless Traditions
Dallas Quilt Celebration 2008
 Dallas Quilt Guild
 March 14-16, 2008
 Market Hall, Dallas, Texas
www.quiltersguildofdallas.org

Mayfest 2008 Quilt Show
Fabulous Florals
 April 25-26, 2008
 presented by Lakeview Quilters
 Guild at Victory Camp, Living
 Stones Church, 1407 Victory Lane,
 Alvin, Texas
www.lakeviewquiltersguild.org
 see an updated list online at
qgqg.wordpress.com/coming-events/

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